

United States District Court
Eastern District of Michigan

United States of America

v.

Nelson Cruz-Gonzalez /

Defendant

ORDER OF DETENTION PENDING TRIAL

Case Number: 07-30288

In accordance with the Bail Reform Act, 18 U.S.C. §3142(f), a detention hearing has been held. I conclude that the following facts require the detention of the defendant pending trial in this case.

Part I – Findings of Fact

T (1) I find that:

“ there is probable cause to believe that the defendant has committed an offense

T for which a maximum term of imprisonment of ten years or more is prescribed in 21 U.S.C. § 841 or 846;

“ under 18 U.S.C. § 924(c).

T (2) I further find that the defendant has not rebutted the presumption established by finding that no condition or combination of conditions will reasonably assure the appearance of the defendant as required and the safety of the community.

Alternative Findings

“ I find that the government has established by a preponderance of the evidence that there is a serious risk that the defendant will not appear.

“ I find that the government has established by clear and convincing evidence that there is a serious risk that the defendant will endanger the safety of another person or the community.

Part II – Written Statement of Reasons for Detention

T I find that the credible testimony and information submitted at the hearing established the following factors under 18 U.S.C. § 3142(g):

T (a) nature of the offense - Large scale marijuana distribution conspiracy.

T (b) weight of the evidence - Strong, including surveillance and drug seizure.

T (c) history and characteristics of the defendant - Cuban national. Has traveled to Cuba in the recent past.

“ 1) physical and mental condition -

T 2) employment, financial, family ties - Claims self employment - minimal assets. No ties to the district. Family is largely located in Cuba. Minimal ties to Florida.

“ 3) criminal history and record of appearance -

“ (d) probation, parole or bond at time of the alleged offense -

“ (e) danger to another person or community -

The defendant faces lengthy imprisonment upon conviction. He is a Cuban citizen and has substantial ties to that country. Extradition from Cuba is virtually impossible as no treaty exists. Defendant has minimal assets in this country, and has little to lose by absconding. Pretrial views him as a flight risk and recommends detention. I agree.

Part III – Directions Regarding Detention

The defendant is committed to the custody of the Attorney General or his designated representative for confinement in a corrections facility separate, to the extent practicable, from persons awaiting or serving sentences or being held in custody pending appeal. The defendant shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity for private consultation with defense counsel. On order of a court of the United States or on request of an attorney for the Government, the person in charge of the corrections facility shall deliver the defendant to the United States Marshal for the purpose of an appearance in connection with a court proceeding.

Date: June 12, 2007

s/Donald A. Scheer

Signature of Judge

Donald A. Scheer, United States Magistrate Judge

Name and Title of Judge